

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CEMETERIES COMMISSION MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2014 – REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON BEBEE

Chairperson Bebee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Bebee, Kelsey, Kwas, Lee, Thorburn, Wilson

Absent: Turner

Staff: Marcus Kirkpatrick

Guests: Jo Ferris, David Ferris, & Rusti Owens

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 5, 2014

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Thorburn, support by Lee to move presentations by Washtenaw R/C Raceway and Mount Hope Study Introduction by C2AE to Announcements/Correspondence. Motion carried.

Jo Ferris and David Ferris shared plans for a Radio Controlled Racecar event at Grand Woods Park. The event is scheduled for August 17. As his Eagle Scout project, David's son, Patrick redesigned and upgraded the racetrack at Grand Woods. The Parks Department approved usage of the park for the event. Washtenaw R/C Raceway is requesting commission's approval for entry fees and car rentals to take place at the park on the day of the event. Commissioner Lee recognized the exposure that this event can bring to the tracks and the park. Commissioner Wilson also requested that a portion of proceeds be donated back to the tracks for maintenance. Commissioner Kelsey requested that pictures be taken and a thorough report presented to the commission.

Motion by Wilson, supported by Kelsey to allow Washtenaw R/C Raceway to accept monetary payments for race participants on August 17th, at Grand Woods Park in exchange of Washtenaw R/C Raceway presenting a follow up report to the Commission. Motion Carried.

Rusti Owens from C2AE shared the timeline for the Mount Hope Park Study. Rusti will be leading all of the public outreach and will be assisted by C2AE's staff. Parks' Staff, Eaton County Road Commission, and the Township Board will be included in the research phase. After all data is compiled, the final report will be submitted to the commission.

4. SPECIAL EVENTS

- A. Delta Rocks! – The festival went very well until rain caused a 3:30pm shut down. Attendance was down slightly due to the rain. The new photo booth and icky sticky tent were very popular. Commissioner Kwas requested a name change and/or activity change for the Treasure/Corn Dig station.
- B. Kids Mud Run – The run was a great success. There were 164 kid participants, which is up from last year's number of 116. There were 96 adult participants. Two new mud pits were added this year, making a total of 4. There were also a new slip & slide and 3 new obstacles.
- C. Tiny Tikes Triathlon - This new event had over 150 participants registered. Rain throughout the day affected the actual attendance.
- D. Touch a Truck Day – This event will be held on August 9. Currently, there are 27 vehicles committed. There will be a new obstacle course put on by the Sheriff's Department and the Mounted Poses will be in attendance.

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5. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Senior Coordinator – Tammy Opdyke
 - ☐ Health Care Clinics included Blood Pressure, Foot Care, Chair Massage, Hearing Screening and Blood Sugar with 45 people attending.
 - ☐ A Father's Day Party was held on June 13th, with ice cream sundaes, puzzles, and a gift for each participant. There were 33 participants.
 - ☐ Thomas Moore from the Delta Township Library was this month's speaker. Thomas' presentation was on EBooks. There 40 people who attended.
- B. Aquatics Coordinator – Dave Hill
 - ☐ The Summer Session of Learn to Swim began on June 12, with 113 children, 4 adults, and 5 private lessons.
 - ☐ There were 1,528 pool users during the month of May.
- C. Recreation Specialist – Jen Daly
 - ☐ Youth fall soccer begins on September 6 and flag football begins on September 13.
 - ☐ We hosted the MASA Men's Class D State Tournament, with 18 teams participating. Jen promoted the tournament through a live radio interview on The Drive with Jack Ebling.
- D. Recreation Programmer – Kathy Sobczyk
 - ☐ Work is underway on the Fall Magazine.
 - ☐ Fireworks thank you letters have been sent to all sponsors.
- B. Recreation Coordinator – Barbara Sherbo Kellogg
 - ☐ Fall classes have been scheduled and submitted for the magazine.
 - ☐ Barb has been working with Commissioner Kwas to establish a series of nature walks.
- F. Parks Supervisor Report –Pat Shieding
 - ☐ Concrete work was completed at the Recycling Center. A part of the curb and asphalt were replaced.
 - ☐ Staff assisted the Clerk's Office in the setup and breakdown for the August primary.
 - ☐ Staff has had a busy summer in preparations for all special events.
- G. Director's Report
 - ☐ Marcus updated the commission on preparations for the 2015 budget.
 - ☐ We have completed the site-visit phase of the Michigan DNR grant process. Final word on each of the 4 grants should come between September and November.
 - ☐ Marcus updated the commission on the Carriage Creek bridge areas. SME has conducted a study on the soils in the bank areas.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Fireworks - Al gave an update on fireworks. Only two sponsorship payments are outstanding. Barb Thorburn shared her report on the sponsorship area. Commissioners received a lot of positive feedback about the safety of the event. The commissioners were really appreciative to Lt. Jeff Campbell for his planning and preparations for the event.
- B. 3v3 Tournament Fundraiser – Registration continues for the August 22-24, event. Proceeds will help start the department's scholarship fund.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lee, support by Kwas to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Thorburn, Secretary
Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission